| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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| Orissa | 95 | 38 | 114 | 34 | 110 | 33 |
| Punjab | 38 | 19 | 58 | 24 | 62 | 14 |
| Rajasthan | 214 | 182 | 513 | 211 | 392 | 82 |
| Sikkim | 5 | - | 5 | 1 | 10 | - |
| Tamil Nadu | 180 | 58 | 195 | 85 | 206 | 99 |
| Tripura | 8 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 10 | 1 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 970 | 500 | 1071 | 499 | 1009 | 475 |
| West Bengal | 179 | 53 | 177 | 97 | 118 | 60 |
| Andaman and Nicobar | 11 | 5 | 3 | 2 | - | - |
| Chandigarh | 23 | 7 | 17 | 9 | 24 | 9 |
| Delhi | 479 | 208 | 553 | 298 | 565 | 254 |
| Daman | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dadra and Nagar Haveli | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lakshdweep | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Pondicherry | 2 | - | 5 | 2 | - | - |

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**Procurement of Wheat**

1755 DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the procurement target for wheat set up by the Government has been severely upset with trends showing a decline of 20 percent in procurement during the current rabi season;

(b) if so, whether the Government were confident of getting the target of 13 million tonnes;

(c) if so, the main reasons for the shortfall; and

(d) the extent to which the shortfall of wheat has been reported from the States so far?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (d) Since procurement of wheat for Central Pool under minimum support scheme is totally on a voluntary basis, no targets in this legard are fixed by the Ministry.

A quantity of 81.35 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured upto 1.7.1996 during the current Rabi Marketing season 1996-97 as compared with 122.05 lakh tonnes procured during the corresponding period last season.

The procurement of wheat declined mainly due to the following factors :

(i) Lesser production and lesser arrival of wheat in the market in crop year 1995-96 as compared to 1994-95.

(ii) Purchase of 10% of the market arrivals of wheat by the trade as compared with only 6% in the previous season.

**Proposal to Double AI Fleet**

1756. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Air India propose to double its fleet in the next few years;

(b) if so, the details of the plans;

(c) whether it is a fact that Air India plans to meet its entire fund requirement for fleet expansion through external commercial borrowings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTR OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (d). Air India plans to continue the renewal and expansion of its fleet of aircraft during the ninth plan period. To meet the requirements of funds for growth, Air India will undertake capital restructuring at an appropriate stage. Some funds will be arranged through external commercial borrowings also.

**Delhi-Silchar Flight**

1757. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether Indian Airlines is operating a daily flight between Delhi and Silchar;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to start a daily flight between these cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?